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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: DISCUSSION WITH BITSIOS

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1. IN MY MEETING TODAY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS (SEPTELS-NOTAL), I ASKED WHETHER HE HAD DISCUSSED THE KOREA QUESTION WHEN HE WAS IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK AND WHETHER GREECE WOULD CO-SPONSOR OUR RESOLUTION.

2. BITSIOS SAID THAT GREECE WOULD DEFINITELY NOT BE ABLE TO CO-SPONSOR, AND ALTHOUGH A FINAL DECISION HAD NOT BEEN MADE THEY HAD ABOUT DECIDED TO VOTE THE SAME WAY GREECE HAD VOTED LAST YEAR (FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND ABSTAIN ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION). BITSIOS SAID HE HAD BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THIS SUBJECT OVER RECENT MONTHS BECAUSE THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO A NUMBER OF APPROACHES ABOUT NORTH KOREA AND THE DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT THAT AS A RESULT OF THE "TREE" INCIDENT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PUSH THIS MATTER ASIDE
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FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND THAT GREECE WOULD BE

ABLE TO FOLLOW IN THE 31ST UNGA THE SAME VOTING
PATTERN ON THIS SUBJECT AS LAST YEAR.
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